

Approved

**SOMIS CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
VENTURA COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 19
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11, 2024, MEETING**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Mishler-Chair
David Hutter-Vice Chair,
Michael Morgan, Keith Huss

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Tyler Cobb

STAFF: Scott Meckstroth, O&M Deputy Director
Jean Fontayne, Staff Services
Gilberto Minero, Staff Services-Zoom
June Kim, Engineering Manager
Sean Hanley, WWS Superintendent
Pam Cook, Senior Accountant-Zoom
Maryann Ranallo, Mgmt Asst.

GUESTS: Connie Ratner-Zoom
Margaret Tolberg-Zoom

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30PM
Introductions of the new Engineers in W&S, Sarah Mercado and Christina Awad.
The ladies gave a little background of their education and work experience.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2024, MEETING

Mike Mishler asked for approval of the minutes. Keith Huss
moved and David Hutter second.
Vote: Nay 0, Yea 4.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. DIRECTOR'S INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- AMI Report
10% registered accounts. Helpful if you have leaks. Saves staff time
discussing why someone has a leak and they didn't know, because
they don't get notifications. Customers must manually set up their
notifications.

4. DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

A. O&M Infrastructure-QUARTERLY

- Main line leak 4", one lateral leak, One service leak.
- Conducted SCE Pump Efficiency at Well 2,3,4, Greentree PS, 538 PS, 860 PS
and 1030 PS

- Fire Flow test completed.
- Quarterly Source Water Quality-Well 2 yields a ton of water, Well 3 hanging in there Well 4 is okay. Water quality after treatments was good for Well 2 and Well 4.
- Water demand-take away. Lowest Feb we have ever had. Water sales are down.
- Hydrographs-Well 2 replaced a pump and cleaned. Well 3 may be a rebound on the water levels.
- Valve Maintenance is coming up and Somis Farm Worker Housing people should be moving in.

5. DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

A. CAPITAL PROJECTS REVIEW

- Well 2-Project completed. Documents being sent to Waterboard.
- 571 Reservoir Pump Station-Hardscape is getting wrapped up and New Tank is projected to be complete the end of this month.

B. WATER QUALITY REPORT

- 1 Odor-some debris that needed to be cleaned, 3 Pressure complaints (Private regulators).

C. WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS

- We are going to be in good shape with all this snow.
- All reservoirs are above average.

D. LOS POSAS VALLEY WATERMASTER

- Joe Pope represents the District. Scott Meckstroth is tasked representing the commercial users. The conversations are being made with the Watermaster, but that's all they are conversations. If there are any directions or asks, that needs to be a technical report.
- GMA Board does all the decision making.

E. CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT/ METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA UPDATE

- Metropolitan will be increasing treated water 11% for 2025 and 10% for 2026. Here in Ventura County we can only get treated water. Calleguas increases will be the same for 2025-26. The driver is an increase in electricity and labor expense.
- Metropolitan has approved a variable tax that they can levy on all users within their district and that has doubled this year. The average user of Ventura County will go from about 28 dollars to 56 dollars and will be a line item on your property taxes.

F. AVENUES OF PUBLIC OUTREACH

- None

F. BOARD LETTER TRACKER – AN UPDATE ON VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEMS RELATED TO THE DISTRICT

- None

G. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

- Line item 24, we are at 659K we will not get to the Budgeted 670K
- Line item O&M 26. We are at 54% of the Budgeted amount, it will be under for the new fiscal year.
- Nothing alarming.

5. DIRECTORS INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

ACH auto pay costs

- Automatic Check Pay set up through invoice cloud. A system that receives payment for water service costs 40 cents per payment for processing fee. That fee is being passed on to the customer to pay versus the cost of a stamp. Cost to the customer for electronic payment will be 75 cent charge going forward.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Camarillo has a Shredding Recycling, May 18th at the Community Center for \$10 a car or ten boxes can be shredded.
- Next Thursday, Marriott in Oxnard has an AWA Association of Water Agency starting at 8:30 to 2:00.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is June 13, 2024.

The meeting is adjourned at 4:30 PM